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June 21, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President  
United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear President Bush,

We want to urge you to continue using National Guard troops along the border of the United States. At a minimum we must maintain the current National Guard levels. Patrols are making a significant difference in border security and causing a substantive reduction in border traffic. The presence of the National Guard troops along with the addition of information is working to lower illegal crossings. Please continue to improve our security.

By maintaining our levels of National Guardsmen deployed to the Northern and Southwestern borders, will delay or stop drug dealers, human traffickers and terrorists from entering this country. To do less will increase the danger to our citizens. Recently, drug gang killings in Palomas, Mexico spilled across into the Second District of New Mexico in the town of Columbus. We believe that focusing on the weak and porous borders we can have a more effective border security and protect our citizens.

Drug dealers, human traffickers and terrorists are constantly studying our weaknesses and then exploit them. The planned troop reduction levels will subject our citizens to increased violence and renewed illegal activity. We have seen case after case of gang warfare spilling over our border into our towns and I cannot stress enough the overwhelming need to secure our borders and to support the level of National Guardsmen deployed there.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. We look forward to hearing a response from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Stevan Pearce  
Member of Congress

Sincerely,

Heather Wilson  
Member of Congress